

**San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles  
Rivers and Mountains Conservancy**

**CONSERVANCY APPROVES FUNDING FOR  
WATERSHEDS AND OPEN SPACE PROJECTS**

*Thirty-three watersheds projects will receive Proposition 40 Bond Grants*

**ALHAMBRA** — The Governing Board of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) today announced approval of \$14.1 million in grants to cities, counties, nonprofits, foundations and universities for 33 projects to protect and restore watersheds and open space throughout the counties of Los Angeles and Orange.

"The overwhelming response is an indication that there is a region-wide need to restore balance between natural and human systems in the watersheds through multiple benefit projects," said Frank Colonna, Chair of the RMC Governing Board. "The projects approved by the Governing Board will be significant advancements in restoring the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers watersheds."

RMC received 101 applications seeking more than \$100 million from the available \$16 million in 2002-03 funds from Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2002.

RMC's Regular Grant Program, with \$15 million available, had 17 funding considerations for a total of \$15,601,968, while the Small Grant Program, with \$1 million available, also had 17 funding considerations for a total of \$1,034,764. One project is pending approval and will be discussed at the next Governing Board meeting in August.

Projects approved for Regular Grant Program funding include:

- City of Claremont for Completion of Claremont Hills Wilderness Trail Loop
- City of Long Beach for Wrigley Heights acquisition
- City of Monrovia for Hillside Wilderness Preserve
- City of Pasadena for Washington Park Master Plan Implementation

Projects approved for Small Grant Program funding include:

- City of Azusa for Azusa River Park Master Plan
- City of Brea for Olinda Historic Trail
- City of Long Beach for El Dorado Regional Park Wetlands Feasibility Study
- City of San Gabriel for Vincent Lugo Park Renovation
- City of Santa Fe Springs for Master Plan and Nature Sanctuary Feasibility Study
- City of Signal Hill for Cha'wot Nature Preserve
- County of Los Angeles for Economic Value for Watershed Management Techniques
- County of Orange for Coyote and Carbon Creek Watershed Management Plan
- Friends of the Sierra Club for Peck Park and Rio Hondo Connection Plan

- North East Trees for San Jose Creek Greenway Improvements
- Rancho Los Cerritos Foundation for Rancho Los Cerritos Historic Landscape Restoration
- Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden for Children's Native Plant Garden
- San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy for Think River Program
- Regents of University of California for Watershed Education in Multi- Lingual Communities

Projects approved for further discussions with the applicants to finalize Regular Grant/Small Grant funding recommendations:

City of Diamond Bar for the Sycamore Park Trail Development Project  
 City of El Monte for the Rio Vista Park Restoration and Conservation Project  
 City of Fullerton for Laguna Lake Park  
 City of Glendora for Gordon-Mull Acquisition  
 City of La Puente for Puente Creek Nature Education Center  
 City of La Mirada for Creek Park  
 City of Lynwood for Lynwood Meadows  
 City of Palmdale for Tejon Park Expansion and Una Lake  
 City of Pico Rivera for Mines Avenue Bike Lane Improvement Project  
 City of West Covina for Galster Park Project  
 County of Los Angeles for San Jose Creek and San Gabriel River Bike Trail  
 County of Los Angeles for Zone 1 Ditch Channel Enhancement Project  
 County of Los Angeles for Dominguez Gap Wetlands Multiuse Project  
 California Native Habitat Endowment Fund for Habitat Authority Community Outreach and Education Programs  
 Rancho Los Alamitos Foundation for Rancho Los Alamitos Native Garden Restoration Project at Historic Ranch and Gardens

RMC anticipates receiving approximately \$16.9 million in Propositions 40 and 50 funds for the 2003-04 fiscal year. Projects not recommended for funding in this grant cycle will be used to develop a work program for RMC staff to work with project proponents to further develop projects for future funding consideration from RMC and/or other sources.

RMC, created by legislation in 1999, is dedicated to the preservation of urban open space and habitat for the enjoyment of, and appreciation by, present and future generations. To fulfill its mission, RMC works collaboratively with 68 cities, two counties and other local, state and federal agencies as well as non-governmental organizations and citizens.

For additional information regarding RMC and Proposition 40 projects visit <http://www.rmc.ca.gov>.

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